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**SAUDI ARABIA-
IRAN:**

Propaganda War Continues

The vitriolic war of words between the Saudis and the Iranians, which began after the Mecca rioting last month, continues unabated.

[REDACTED] the intense Saudi media campaign contains daily articles, photographs, and editorials condemning Iranian behavior. Earlier this week, in an unprecedented international press conference, Saudi Minister of Interior Prince Nayif accused Iran of masterminding the Mecca violence to embarrass the Saudi Government and said that Iranian pilgrims consistently abused Saudi hospitality and violated Islamic standards by staging political demonstrations during the pilgrimage.

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Iranians officials continue to charge that Riyadh massacred hundreds of Muslim pilgrims and have accused King Fahd of being a US lackey, according to press reports. Ayatollah Khomeini on Sunday called the Saudis unfit guardians of the holy cities of Mecca and Medina.

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